

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 89 were pending in the present application. Upon entry of this amendment which is respectfully requested, Claims 1 through 89 will remain pending with Claims 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 13, 19, 21, 22, 29, 37, 42, 44, 45, 52, 56, 59, 66, 69, 76, 80, 83, 84, 87, and 89 having been amended herein.

Claims 5, 8, 16, 28, 51 and 75 stand objected to because of various informalities. Claims 9, 10, 13, 14, 19, 29, 30, 33, 34, 42, 52, 53, 56, 57 and 66 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 3, 37, 44, 59, 83 and 89 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 69 through 89 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claims 1 through 8, 11, 12, 15 through 18, 22, 23, 25 through 28, 31, 32, 35 through 41, 44 through 46, 48 through 51, 54, 55, 58 through 65, 68 through 70, 72 through 75, 78, 79, 82 through 86 and 89 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,687,322 filed June 1, 1995 and issued to Deaton et al. (hereinafter "Deaton"). Claims 20, 24, 43, 47, 67, 71 and 88 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Deaton in view of the Examiner's assertions.

Pursuant to the agreement reached between the Examiner and Applicants' representative documented in the Interview summary mailed October 19, 1999 (Paper No. 5), Applicants have amended the claims herein to overcome the Examiner's objections and rejections. Thus, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Examiner's rejections. It is submitted that all of the claims are now in condition for

allowance and the Examiner's early re-examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

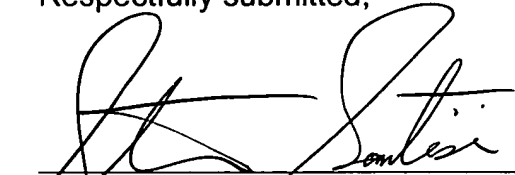
Alternatively, if there remains any question regarding the present application or any of the cited references, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Steven Santisi at telephone number (203) 905-6507 or via electronic mail at Santisi@WalkerDigital.com.

Petition for Extension of Time to Respond

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time with which to respond to the Office Action. Please charge \$190.00 for this petition to our Deposit Account No. 50-0271. Please charge any additional fees that may be required for this Response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0271.

If an extension of time is required, or if an additional extension of time is required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, please grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this Response timely, and please charge any fee for such extension to Deposit Account No. 50-0271.

Respectfully submitted,



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